

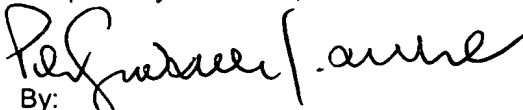
POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM ASSIGNEE

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b), **TELECOM ITALIA S.p.A.** ("Assignee"), duly organized under the laws of ITALY and having its principal place of business at Piazza degli Affari, 2 – I-20123 MILANO - ITALY, represents that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to a patent application entitled "**MULTI-STAGE OPTICAL AMPLIFIER OPTIMIZED WITH RESPECT TO NOISE, GAIN AND BANDWIDTH**", which was filed on **August 11, 2003** as PCT International Application No. **PCT/EP2003/008910**, in the names of **CAPONI Renato, PAGANO Annachiara, POTENZA Marcello, SORDO Bruno**, as indicated by assignment(s) duly recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel _____, Frame _____ on _____, or by the copy of assignment(s) attached hereto.

Assignee hereby appoints the following attorney and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: **FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P., CUSTOMER NUMBER 22,852.**

The undersigned is authorized to act on behalf of Assignee.

Respectfully submitted,


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Box No. VIII (iv) **DECLARATION: INVENTORSHIP** (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)
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**Declaration of inventorship (Rules 4.17(iv) and 51bis.1(a)(iv))
for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America:**

I hereby declare that I believe I am the original, first and sole (if only one inventor is listed below) or joint (if more than one inventor is listed below) inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought.

This declaration is directed to the international application of which it forms a part (if filing declaration with application).

This declaration is directed to international application No. PCT/EP03/08910 (if furnishing declaration pursuant to Rule 26ter).

I hereby declare that my residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated next to my name.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified international application, including the claims of said application. I have identified in the request of said application, in compliance with PCT Rule 4.10, any claim to foreign priority, and I have identified below, under the heading "Prior Applications," by application number, country or Member of the World Trade Organization, day, month and year of filing, any application for a patent or inventor's certificate filed in a country other than the United States of America, including any PCT international application designating at least one country other than the United States of America, having a filing date before that of the application on which foreign priority is claimed.

Prior Applications:

I hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is known by me to be material to patentability as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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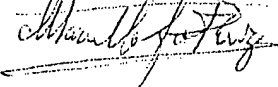
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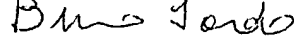
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